

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/717,694

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/8/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings were received on 3/8/04. These drawings are accepted by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-18 are allowed.

As to claim 1, Aslanian (US 2005/0020058) teaches cellular telephone system including a multi-function base unit with management wireless telephone data capability. Erskine et al (US 2004/0192297) teaches system and method for enabling and enhancing spending limits functional in post-paid wireless billing system. Nagu et al (US 2003/0119478) teaches method and system for data management in electronic payments transactions. Himelhoch (US 2005/0032505) teaches calling plan time display and method for display for a cellular phone. Beganich (US 2004/0202595) teaches apparatus and method for monitor a time usage of a wireless communication device. Rodriguez (US 2003/0195000) teaches method and system for providing a portable communication service. Suryanarayana et al (US 6,487,401) teaches prepaid wireless telephone account regeneration in a wireless access protocol system. The teaching of above prior arts either alone or in combine fails to teach prompting the prepaid wireless user to select the call features from the plurality of available call features via the second communication device; receiving the user's selected call features at the first network element; routing the selected call features from the first

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network element to a second network element and then to the caller; setting up the call according to the selected call features; and connecting the call.

As to claim 11, Aslanian (US 2005/0020058) teaches cellular telephone system including a multi-function base unit with management wireless telephone data capability. Erskine et al (US 2004/0192297) teaches system and method for enabling and enhancing spending limits functional in post-paid wireless billing system. Nagu et al (US 2003/0119478) teaches method and system for data management in electronic payments transactions. Himelhoch (US 2005/0032505) teaches calling plan time display and method for display for a cellular phone. Bekanich (US 2004/0202595) teaches apparatus and method for monitor a time usage of a wireless communication device. Rodriguez (US 2003/0195000) teaches method and system for providing a portable communication service. Suryanarayana et al (US 6,487,401) teaches prepaid wireless telephone account regeneration in a wireless access protocol system. The teaching of above prior arts either alone or in combine fails to teach means for prompting the prepaid wireless user to select the call features from the plurality of available call features via the second communication device; means for receiving the user's selected call features at the first network element; means for routing the selected call features from the first network element to a second network element and then to the caller; means for setting up the call according to the selected call features; and means for connecting the call.

Dependent claims 2-10, 12-18 are allowable for the same reason.

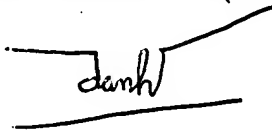
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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANH C. LE whose telephone number is 571-272-7868. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM TROST can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "danh", is written over a horizontal line.

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